

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please **amend** the specification as follows.

At page 3, line 16, please delete "a majority of", and insert, in its place double
bonds, the majority of which are--.

At page 3, line 21, please delete "AIOH", and insert, in its place --AIOH--.

At page 3, line 22, please delete "AIOH", and insert, in its place --AIOH--.

At page 5, line 5, please delete "a majority of cis-1,4 bonds", and insert, in its
place double bonds, the majority of which are cis-1,4 bonds,

At page 5, line 6, please delete "a majority of", and insert, in its place double
bonds, the majority of which are--.

At page 5, line 15, please delete "a majority of cis-1,4 bonds", and insert, in its
place double bonds, the majority of which are cis-1,4 bonds--.

At page 5, line 17, please delete "bond", and insert, in its place --blend--.

At page 6, line 2, please delete "AOH", and insert, in its place --AIOH--.

At page 6, line 8, please delete "AOH", and insert, in its place --AIOH--.

At page 6, line 12, please delete "AOH", and insert, in its place --AIOH--.

At page 6, line 19, please delete "AOH", and insert, in its place --AIOH--.

At page 6, line 21, please delete "AOH", and insert, in its place --AIOH--.

At page 12, line 5, please delete "The object of this".

At page 12, please delete lines 6-15.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please **amend** the claims as follows.

1. (AMENDED) An elastomeric internal filler mix for the bottom zone of a tire comprising a
rubber composition wherein the elastomeric matrix comprises more than 70 phr of natural
rubber or synthetic polyisoprene having [a majority of cis-1,4 bonds] double bonds, the
majority of which are cis-1,4 bonds, and a reinforcing filler selected from among:

- (i) a white filler of the silica and/or alumina type comprising SiOH and/or AIOH